



COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

September 8, 2016

The Knightdale Community Policing Advisory Board met at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber Room of Town Hall

Present: Adrian Dixon, Randall Owens, Raymond Rivera, Holly Atkins, Jessica Day, Anthony Dismuke, Brandy Dolby

Absent: Raymond Rivera

Staff Members Present: Chief Lawrence Capps, Captain Jacqui Boykin

Council Liaison Present: Mark Swan

Meeting was called to order by Chair Atkins at 7:03pm.

ITEM I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

...Call for motion was made by Chair Atkins to approve July 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion was made by Member Dolby, seconded by Member Day, and carried unanimously.

ITEM II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Citizens Speed Enforcement Program

Chief Capps and Captain Boykin noted that the agency had been able to identify other N.C. departments who were currently utilizing such a program. Most of the information related to the success of similar programs was anecdotal in nature, and reflected its use in other states. There seems to be a general lack of information regarding its use or effectiveness. Chief Capps stated that the agency would continue to explore options, but the use of a Citizens Speed Enforcement Program would not be pursued until more details were available.

ITEM III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Police – Citizens Forum Discussion

Chair Atkins recounted the talking points of a recent police-citizens forum held at East Wake Library on August 24, 2016. The forum was sponsored by a Raleigh based church, and members of the State Capitol Police were invited by the pastor to speak and answer questions. Atkins stated that the discussion centered on the 4th amendment, as well as Knightdale's youth protection ordinance, body-worn cameras and the appropriate way to handle encounters with the police. Knightdale PD was not invited to attend the event. Attempts by Knightdale PD staff to contact the event coordinator to solicit inclusion were unsuccessful.

B. Police Capital Improvement Projects

Chief Capps informed the Board that administrative staff were currently preparing information needed to propose the construction of a new police facility as part of Town's

Capital Improvement Plan. The chief explained that the project was in its infancy, and that efforts to build a new law enforcement center would likely not be realized for several fiscal years. Chief Capps noted that such a project would likely span course of three years, with land acquisition, survey and design, and building construction being the important components of the project. Police administrators will be presenting the CIP to the Town's Finance and P&E committees in early November.

ITEM IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Board Feedback on Police Vehicle

Chief Capps informed Board members that the police department has developed a capital item purchasing plan for its new police vehicles. The plan teams agency administrators with the Town's purchasing agent to ensure that the acquisition of new police vehicles is cost effective and efficient. As part of the selection process, Chief Capps asked for the Board's feedback and perception on allowing personnel to select between two approved fleet vehicles; the Dodge Charger or the Ford Interceptor SUV. The ability to choose would create an additional degree of ownership on the part of the officers, as well as ensure the longevity of fleet vehicles. Chief Capps noted that while the Charger is a less expensive purchase initially, the Explorer provides more space and is slightly more fuel efficient. The agency is working with the Public Works department to gather additional information on the long-term cost of ownership for both types of vehicles as well. The Board expressed favor in allowing officers such a "choice" under the condition that vehicle acquisition was fiscally responsible.

B. Update on Police Hiring Process

Chief Capps reported that the agency received nearly 50 applications for the vacant police officer position. Candidates were recently tested and three applicants were invited to attend an oral interview panel on September 24th. Following the oral interview process, the agency would initiate background investigations. The department hopes to have the officer hired by the end of October.

ITEM V. ADJOURNMENT

...Chair Atkins called for a motion to adjourn. Motion was made to by Member Dolby at 8:22pm and seconded by Member Dixon. The motion carried unanimously.


Community Policing Advisory Board Vice-Chair


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